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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PKK VIOLENCE (NOVEMBER 16-23, 2009)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During November 16-23, no security official was killed or injured. The total number of security force casualties for the year through November 23, is 53 killed and 90 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, two PKKers were captured in Sanliurfa and Hatay provinces. According to official TGS website figures, through the third week of November, the number of PKK militants killed this year is 45, the number of those captured is 71. The number of those who surrendered reached 119.

¶4. (U) During the reporting period no civilian was killed or injured due to PKK actions. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the third week of November, is 15 killed and 25 wounded.

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